

blance to those of the English gorse (*Ulex europaeus*). The deep green, glabrous, trifoliolate leaves are large and similar in shape to those of well-grown broad beans (*Vicia faba*). (Adapted from The Gardeners' Chronicle, 3d ser., vol. 43, p. 178.)

Pittosporum crassifolium (Pittosporaceae), 49474. From San Francisco, Calif. Seeds presented by Mr. John McLaren, superintendent, Golden Gate Park. "An ever-green tree introduced from Australia. It is of easy culture, not particular as to soil, and is very effective as a lawn ornamental, either single or in groups; it also makes a good hedge plant. It is propagated by seeds." (John McLaren.)

Mr. McLaren has recommended this shrub as one which would probably endure the sea breeze and salt spray of the Florida coast.

Strychnos sp. (Loganiaceae), 49599. From Kafue, Northern Rhodesia. Seeds collected by Dr. H. L. Shantz, agricultural explorer. "No. 310. The small-fruited, sweet variety which is relished by the natives. It is lemon-orange in color, has a thick stony rind yellowish brown inside, and is rather juicy with a tart but very agreeable flavor. It is unlike any fruit I have eaten, is much easier to eat than an orange and, I should say, as agreeable to the taste. In eating, the seeds are rejected as are those of pomegranates. The fruits are borne in great abundance, and apparently are possessed of excellent keeping qualities. I think this is well worth trying out in cultivation." (Shantz).

Letters from Explorers in the Field.

Mr. Wilson Popenoe, agricultural explorer, writes from Guatemala, Guatemala, February, 27, 1920, the following report on the chayote in Guatemala:

"While it is true that the chayote (*Chayota edulis*) cannot be likened to the Irish potato in food value, yet it occupies a position in the dietary of the Guatemalan Indians somewhat analogous to that occupied by the potato in many northern countries. This analogy is evidenced by the abundance in which the chayote is seen on Guatemalan markets in the fall and winter months; no other vegetable is so conspicuous and no other is sold in such quantities.

"The cultivation of the plant is not limited to any particular zone in Guatemala, but is more extensive